

School Nurse Organization of Oklahoma

Superintendent Joy Hofmeister
State Superintendent of Education
Oklahoma State Department of Education
Oliver Hodge Building 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

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Dear Superintendent Hofmeister,

We have had the opportunity to review a working draft of the new Oklahoma Academic Standards for Health Education and participate in the Health Curricula Focus Group.

The School Nurse Organization of Oklahoma is proud to endorse these new standards as they are being presented. We commend the State Department of Education and all of the participants across the state who gave of their time in developing these standards. It is evident that these standards were developed thoughtfully and after critical analysis.

These new Health Education Standards are in line with CDCs Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model for addressing Health in Schools. It is our belief that these new standards will serve our state well in preparing our students to make critical decisions that will impact their life long health. We especially applaud the emphasis on growing our students' abilities to access valid information, products and services to health across the life span.

Thank you very much for your leadership and hard work in promoting health education for all Oklahoma Students.

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